

# MESSAGE

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
STAFF COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE

OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE  
(INFO ADDRES ROUTINE)

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FROM: USCINCEUR

TO: JCS

INFO: CINCUSAREUR HEIDELBERG GERMANY, JACE A

NR: ECJJCJ 9-93887

FOR LT GEN WHEELER FROM GEN PALMER

References: A. USCINCEUR ECJJCJ 9-93573, 20 Sep 61  
B. USCINCEUR ECJJCJ 9-93836, 23 Sep 61  
C. CINCUSAREUR SX 5854, 25 Sep 61 (NOTAL).

(U) This message is in amplification of reference B.

2. (S) On 24 Sep 61, in Berlin, General Clarke discussed rotation battle groups with Ambassador Dowling, General Clay and General Watson. All agreed to desirability rotation. Generals Clay, Clarke, Watson also agreed exchange of reinforced battle group as single element far more desirable than a phased relief several separate tactical elements over period several days for tactical and administrative reasons.

3. (S) Rotation of battle group under either plan must become known to all sooner or later. Recommend early decision on this matter with authority to theatre commander to announce the policy at time he deems appropriate followed by minimum publicity at the time of exchange which would then be announced as routine.

4. (S) Upon approval of rotation policy contemplate that US officials in Berlin will brief Mayor Brandt, with public announcement to follow thereafter.

5. (S) Reaffirm recommendation that relief be conducted as proposed by USCINCEUR in reference A.

6. (U) SCP-4

NOTE: Adv cys sent JCS, 251606Z Sep 61

NOTE: REF NOT IDENTIFIED  
ACTION: JCS

INFO: CSA, CNO, CSAF, CMC, DCSOP

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